THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) No racket involving issue of complimentary tickets to relatives of Air India employees has come to notice in recent months.

(b) Does not arise.

International airport at Cochin

111. SHRI SURESH KALMADI : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared a project aimed at mobilising funds from non-resident Indians as well as the private sector to build an international airport at Cochin; and

(b) if so, what is the estimated expenditure for the project and by when the work is likely to be started ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER) : (a) and (b) A proposal formulated by District Collector of Ernakulam for construction of an airport at Cochin mainly with the contribution of Non-Resident Indian was discussed with Minister of Transport and officials of the Government of Kerala at a meeting held on 6th April, 1993. The cost of the project has been estimated tentatively at Rs. 85 crores. It was decided that the State Government will work out the modalities of setting up the proposed project with technical assistance of the National Airports Authority. It is premature, at this stage, to indicate any date for commencement of work.

Promotion prospects in ITDC

112. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3329 given in the Rajya Sabha on dated the 24th March, 1992 regarding Integrated Management System in ITDC and state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Integrated Management Cadre was introduced in ITDC with the sole objective of 'providing better promotional prospects to the executives of Non-specialised cadre' in Dy. General Managers' posts;

(b) if so, whether the similar facilities and objectives are made available by ITDC Management to the employees below the rank of Dy. GMs to that of Senior Asstt./PA posts who are in the non-specialised cadre of ITDC;

(c) if the answer to (b) above in the negative, the reasons therefor;

(d) what are the names with designation, qualification, and basic pay of such persons who have put in more than 5 years of service in between the position of Sr. Asstt./PA to that of Sr. Managers in ITDC as on date; and

(e) whether any effort is being made by the Management to put the said employees also in the clubbed scales/seniority for providing them also better promotional prospects ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) The Integrated Management Cadre was introduced by ITDC to ensure mobility of executives from the level of Dy. General Managers and above in non-specialised cadre in different divisions/units of the Corporation, utilisation of varied experience in decision making process in different divisions/units, and provision of better promotional prospects, etc.

(b) and (c) ITDC Management has not considered it necessary to introduce Integrated Management Cadre below the level of Dy. GMs. as the Corporation has provided various avenues of promotion career development in the organisation for these

employees in the Recruitment, Promotion and Seniority Rules of ITDC.

(d) There are 342 employees in ITDC who have put in more than 5 years of service in between the position of Senior Asstt./PA to that of Senior Managers in ITDC.

(e) Presently, no such proposal is under consideration of ITDC.

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Service of Recruitment rules demanded by the employees Union of ITDC

113. SHRI N. GIRI PRASAD : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether he is aware that after being dissatisfied with the existing Recruitment, Promotion & Seniority Rules, Transfer, Welfare and Medical Rules/systems, the Unions representing majority of the employees in ITDC have been demanding from Management mutually agreed Rules for over the last 8 years;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of the Management to the mutually agreed Rules in ITDC as demanded by the unions concerned from time to time;

(c) whether it is a fact that All India ITDC Employees Union submitted their parawise comments on Medical and Recruitment, promotion & Seniority Rules about two years back for negotiation and settlement; and

(d) if so, by which date the said rules would be discussed and settled with them for adoption and implementation in the larger interest of the employees ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) to (d) ITDC Management has been receiving from time to time representations from the Unions including All India ITDC Employees Union suggesting changes in the ITDC Recruitment, Promotion & Seniority Rules, Medical Rules, etc. After considering their representations, ITDC Management carried out certain changes in the Rules which are beneficial in the larger interest of the Corporation and its employees.

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Billing of banquets served in ITDC Hotels

114. SHRI GAYA SINGH : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that billing of the banquets in ITDC Hotels is done on basis of plates served and not on the basis of the number of persons actually served;

(b) if not, then what is the factual position and actual system approved by the ITDC Board for billing the banquets served in ITDC Hotels; and

(c) whether Government propose to device some foolproof systems like introduction of computerised billing to banquetting service to curb the prevailing malpractices in ITDC Hotels while billing the banquets services ?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GULAM NABI AZAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) At present no such proposal is under consideration of ITDC as the prevalent system is considered quite satisfactory.

Functioning of East and West Airlines

115. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state :

(a) what is the total number of Aircraft owned or leased by East and West Airlines, which is a private airline;

(b) what is the total passenger-capacity of these aircraft; and